

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	SERIES 600 HEALTH CARE SERVICES	SUPERSEDES: AR 603 (08/12/02)
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS MANUAL	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 603 MEDICAL/NON-MEDICAL DEVICES	EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/10/03

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	<u>PURPOSE</u>	
	<u>AUTHORITY</u>	
	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	
	<u>DEFINITIONS</u>	
	<u>APPLICABILITY</u>	
	<u>PROCEDURES</u>	
<u>603.01</u>	MEDICAL/NON-MEDICAL DEVICES	
	<u>REFERENCES</u>	
	<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>	
	<u>MANDATORY REVIEW DATE</u>	<u>08/12/04</u>

PURPOSE

To describe the procedure of the Nevada Department of Corrections, Medical Division in providing medical and non-medical devices.

To make accommodations for inmates with significant and documented medical illnesses when those illnesses impair an inmate's ability to function in the prison environment.

AUTHORITY

NRS 209.131
NRS 209.381

DEFINITIONS

MEDICAL DEVICE – An item used to treat a medical illness, symptom, or condition.

NON-MEDICAL DEVICE – An item not normally needed to treat a medical illness, symptom, or condition - an item of convenience.

RESPONSIBILITY

The NDOC Medical Division staff has the responsibility to implement and monitor the use of medical and non-medical devices used to treat a medical illness, symptom, or condition.

APPLICABILITY

This procedure applies to all medical and non-medical devices used or requested by inmates housed in the Nevada Department of Corrections.

PROCEDURES

604.03 MEDICAL/NON-MEDICAL DEVICES

1.1 The Department Medical Division will not be used as a resource for obtaining special favors, furniture or other matters that are not warranted by a significant impairment as documented in the Progress Notes, DOC Form 2519, medication sheets, x-rays, or laboratory tests.

1.2 Items such as a second mattress, chairs, buckets, etc., will only be provided to inmates upon specific order of a physician, and approved by the Medical Director/designee, based upon the finding of a specific diagnosis as documented in the inmate's medical record.

1.2.1 Illnesses that may warrant such items are limited to those of a chronic nature with permanent disability or impairment, i.e., paraplegia, quadriplegia, severe rheumatoid arthritis, severe osteoarthritis, and severe post-traumatic impairment. **(3-4358)**

1.2.2 When a specific order by a health care professional or mid-level practitioner is made regarding these types of items, a Consultation Report, DOC 2517, will be completed by the physician and submitted to the Medical Director/designee for approval.

1.2.3 Such items will be purchased out of the Medical Division budget.

1.2.4 Any requests to the Warden/Facility Manager by medical staff for a second mattress or other non-medical device will be forwarded to the Medical Director for review.

1.3 Any request by an inmate for a non-medical device is to be made through correctional staff, in accordance with Departmental regulations.

1.4 Special packages for inmates that contain medical devices, i.e., hearing aids, prosthetics, etc., will be approved only by the Medical Director and the Warden. **(3-4436)**

1.4.1 When the Medical Director determines that a special package is appropriate, he will

contact the appropriate Warden indicating the item that he feels should be authorized, the source of the item (where it will be sent from and who is sending it), and the inmate's name and DOC number and request authorization by the Warden.

1.4.2 If the Warden concurs he or she will ensure that appropriate staff are notified of this authorization.

1.4.3 Once the package is received at the institution, it will be processed in accordance with Departmental regulations, i.e., x-rayed, searched, listed on the inmate's property card, etc.

1.4.4 Except as outlined herein, the Medical Division cannot approve special packages for inmates.

REFERENCES

ACA Standards 3-4358, and 3-4436

ATTACHMENTS

None.

Jackie Crawford, Director

Date

Ted D'Amico, D.O., Medical Director

Date

CONFIDENTIAL

Yes

XX
No

THIS PROCEDURE SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR WRITTEN PROCEDURES ON THIS SPECIFIC SUBJECT.